

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—  
JULY 12, 2002

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, July 12, 2002, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Jeannie Pryor at (916) 654-8035 or James Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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# LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, July 12, 2002

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## Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
	California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) Report	David Militzer, CalWIB
	Rescission	Bill Burke, WID
.	Performance Re-negotiations	Liz Clingman, WID
	Bridge Funding	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
	Federal Reviews	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
	Open Discussion	
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### **Welcome/Hot Topics**—Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)

- The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Visits—The OIG is in the process of reviewing various states and gathering data to present to Emily DeRocca, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor's Employment Training and Administration (DOL/ETA), regarding dislocated worker services. The OIG plans to review specific Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) in California.
- General Accounting Office (GAO) Visits—The GAO will be visiting several LWIAs within the next few weeks.
- Year-end Subgrant Modifications—Subgrant modifications were processed to reduce the amount of the dislocated worker funding due to the federal rescission of funds and to add in rapid response bridge funding. Last minute transfers between adult and dislocated worker funding streams were also processed under this same subgrant modification. There is no State budget, therefore, Program Year (PY) 2002-03 subgrants that include new money for adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs, as well as approved projects, are on hold until the State budget is signed.
- Governor's Nurses Initiative—The State sent out a Solicitation for Proposals for the Governor's Nurses Workforce Initiative for a total of \$28 million. There are three opportunities available within that \$28 million structure, including regional collaboration, career ladders, and workplace reforms. In all cases, a Local Workforce Investment Board must be a partner. The four bidder's conferences concluded this week. The State is looking for innovative, creative proposals to help increase the number of licensed nurses in California. Those applications are due July 31. The State is hoping to have contracts in place by October 1, 2002.

### **California State Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) Update**—David Militzer, CalWIB

- The Farmworkers workgroup has sponsored a number of forums in coordination with local partners.
- Small Business workgroups have completed a number of forums around the State.
- The One-Stop Certification workgroup has received input in terms of local One-Stop certification including Los Angeles and other parts of the State.

- The Youth Council recently held two statewide public hearings regarding youth issues and the role of the Youth Council. The next Youth Council meeting will be held in Oakland at the Civic Center Marriott on August 14. The Youth Council has established a leadership team that is in the process of creating an agenda for the August 14 meeting. It was suggested that the LWIA Advisory Committee be notified by e-mail of upcoming events.
- The next CalWIB meeting will be held on September 19 in Oakland. The LWIAs will be notified by e-mail of upcoming CalWIB meetings.

#### **Rescission**—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

Emily DeRocca, of DOL, released Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 26-02 Change 1, on June 26, 2002, rescinding a portion of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dislocated worker funding for PY 2001-2002. On June 28, WID received a revised Notice of Obligational Authority that reduced the authority for the State. On June 28, Bob Hermsmeier sent an e-mail message to the LWIA Administrators notifying them of the rescission with the LWIA dollar amounts and explained the reporting process. Subgrant modifications have been completed to rescind the funding from the local areas. There was discussion regarding the possibility of pursuing 15 percent funding from the Governor's Discretionary Account to make up for the difference of the rescinded amounts. In addition, the 25 percent dislocated worker account could be used to make up some of the difference. The 15 percent account has been totally committed and there's no money available in that account. The 25 percent account for the prior year is also extremely committed, but the funding could be reserved to mitigate the impact of the rescission. The Advisory Committee will meet again towards the end of July to provide input relative to how best to proceed to mitigate the effects of the rescission.

#### **Performance Re-negotiations Status**—Liz Clingman, WID

According to the DOL's TEGL 11-01, dated February 12, 2002, *Guidance on Revising WIA State Negotiated Levels of Performance*, DOL had 30 days to respond to the State's proposal on performance negotiations, which has now expired. The DOL does not want to accept the State's proposal but has not responded with any specific details.

#### **Bridge Funding**—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

An e-mail message was sent to the LWIAs regarding rapid response bridge funding. The rapid response funding is effective June 28 and was modified into the PY 2001-02 subgrant. The bridge funding was based on the amount of funds spent as of March 31, 2002. The amount given to the LWIAs for their bridge funding this year was essentially half the amount they spent last year. This should give the LWIAs enough money to get to the point where the additional money becomes available via the rapid response application process.

### **Federal Reviews**—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

The DOL/ETA Region VI is conducting five different WIA and Welfare-to-Work reviews that include both programmatic and systems reviews.

### **Waivers Opportunities**—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

On July 10, an e-mail message was sent to the LWIA Advisory Committee with information from the National Governor's Association regarding actions by DOL/ETA on waivers that have been approved. For example, New York received approval for transfer authority between adult and dislocated worker programs to be moved from 20 percent to 40 percent; Montana, South Carolina, and Tennessee, received approval to waive the 18-month subsequent eligibility requirement for training service providers; and Colorado received a waiver for competitive selection of youth service providers related to certain activities. It would be to the State's advantage to receive waivers for certain program areas. Bob Hermsmeier will forward the waiver list to Tim Rainey of the California Workforce Association (CWA), who in turn will meet with CWA staff to review the list and decide what waivers WID should review. Waivers will need the Governor's office approval. A meeting will be scheduled with WID, CalWIB, and CWA to define the process of submitting waivers.

### **LMID Update**—Mechelle Hayes

The Labor Market Information Division is inviting the Workforce Development Community to the Workforce Intelligence Summit 2002 Conference on August 27-29, at the Embassy Suites located in Downtown Sacramento. The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) sponsors this conference, previously titled the LMI Directors Conference. The theme of the Conference is *Information and Decision Making: Keeping the Workforce on Track* and is based on the importance of using information to support effective decisions at various individual, geographic, and programmatic levels. Additional information, including registration regarding the conference, may be accessed at [www.naswa.org](http://www.naswa.org).